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NEW GROUND HANDLING POLICY FOR AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to handover the ground handling work of other airports of the country alongwith the Delhi International Airport to the foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether separate security measures will have to be taken in the event of engaging foreign companies for ground handling working; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) No Sir. As per the new ground handling policy put in place by the Government the following entities are eligible to carry out ground handling services at metropolitan airports, that is the airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad:-

1. (i) Airports Authority of India/ the airport operator itself or its Joint Venture Company;

(ii) Subsidiary companies of the national carrier, that is , National Aviation Company of India Limited or its joint ventures specialized in ground handling services on the basis of revenue sharing with airport operator subject to satisfactory observance of performance standards.

(iii) Any other ground handling service provider selected through competitive bidding on revenue sharing basis, subject to security clearance by the Central Government and observance of performance standards.

2. At all other airports, in addition to the entities specified above self handling may be permitted to the airlines, excluding foreign airlines.

(c) & (d) All entities engaged in ground handling would need to have security clearance by the Central Government. Further they will also be bound to follow instructions/restrictions of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)as may be necessary on the grounds of security.